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PREVENTION; PREPARATIONS FOR PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE  
IN LONDON FEBRUARY 6-17

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1. ON JANUARY 10 SCICOUNS MET ANATOLIY ANDREYEV, DEPUTY CHIEF,  
FOREIGN RELATIONS, MORFLOT, TO DISCUSS ISSUES RAISED IN  
REFTEL. ANDREYEV WELCOMED U.S. PROPOSAL FOR MEETING OF U.S.  
AND SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES BEFORE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE.  
ANDREYEV NOTED THAT HE PLANS TO ARRIVE IN LONDON ON FEBRUARY  
1, AND SAID HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH U.S.  
REPRESENTATIVES ON FEBRUARY 2 OR 3. MAIN BODY OF SOVIET  
DELEGATION WOULD ARRIVE IN LONDON FEBRUARY 4, OTHER MEMBERS  
OF SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH U.S.  
COUNTERPARTS IN THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 4 OR ON FEBRUARY 5.  
ANDREYEV STATED THAT SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD BE AT DEPUTY  
MINISTER LEVEL, PROBABLY DEPUTY MINISTER OF MERCHANT  
MARINE KOLESNICHENKO. ANDREYEV NOTED THAT SOVIETS HAD  
BEEN INFORMED AT MSC/MEPC OCTOBER MEETING THAT SECRETARY  
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ADAMS WOULD HEAD U.S. DELEGATION TO LONDON  
PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE, WHICH HE SAID IS REASON  
SOVIETS ARE PLANNING TO SEND DELEGATION HEADED BY  
DEPUTY MINISTER. ANDREYEV STATED THAT SOVIET DELEGATION  
WOULD PROBABLY STAY AT CUNARD HOTEL, WHERE HE  
UNDERSTOOD ALL DELEGATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE WOULD  
BE HOUSED. ANDREYEV COMMENTED THAT SOVIET

DELEGATE TO OIL COMPANIES INTERNATIONAL MARINE FORUM (OCIMF) WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DISCUSS TANKER SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION MATTERS.

2. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, ANDREYEV NOTED THAT LARGE DIFFERENCES STILL EXIST BETWEEN U.S. AND SOVIET POSITIONS AND REPEATED COMMENT (REF. B) THAT HE HAD HOPED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT U.S. RESPONSES TO THE ALTERNATIVE PACKAGES DEVELOPED AT THE MSC/MEPC JOINT SESSION IN OCTOBER 1977. ANDREYEV COULD NOT BE DRAWN OUT ON THE SPECIFICS OF THE SOCIET PROBLEMS WITH THE U.S. POSITION, NOTING THAT THE OFFICIAL SOVIET POSITION HAS NOT YET BEEN FIRMED AND THAT DIFFERENCES COULD BEST BE DISCUSSED BY THE DELEGATES THEMSELVES. HOWEVER, THE GIST OF ANDREYEV'S CONCERNS APPEAR TO BE:

A. WHILE U.S. PROPOSALS GENERALLY CORRESPOND TO SOVIET STANDARDS FOR NEW TANKER CONSTRUCTION, THEY DO NOT SUFFICIENTLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC CONCERNS OF OTHER IMCO MEMBER STATES. FOR EXAMPLE, THE U.S. PROPOSAL FOR 20,000 DWT AS A LOWER LIMIT OF APPLICATION REPRESENTS A PARTICULAR CONCERN OF THE U.S., WHICH HAS SHALLOWER PORTS THAN MANY OTHER IMCO MEMBERS.

B. COSTS OF RETROFITTING OLDER TANKERS WITH COMPLETE DOUBLE BOTTOM CONSTRUCTION WILL BE CONSIDERABLE.

C. WHILE SOVIETS SHARE U.S. DOUBTS ON CRUDE OIL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WASHING, ALTERNATIVES TO SEGREGATED BALLAST RETROFIT, SUCH AS CLEAN BALLAST, DESERVE THOROUGH CONSIDERATION. PERHAPS THE BEST ANSWER IS A MIX OF SEVERAL SOLUTIONS.

D. LEGAL PROBLEMS MAY ARISE BY ATTEMPTING TO ADD NEW AND MORE STRIGENT REQUIREMENTS TO THE 1973 MARINE POLLUTION CONVENTION, BEFORE IT COMES INTO FORCE.

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